Reply of Government.—The working of the three years rule will be watched for sometime before trying to extend the period to 5 years. No provision for an appeal is necessary, as Government can review the order of the District Magistrate.

SUBJECT No. 72.

Appointment of a committee of Hindus and Mahomedans to frame rules in regard to processions before mosques and temples.

Messrs. H. V. Chendrasekharayya and R. Gopalswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—This is a vexed question and is the cause of constant friction between several communities. Places of worship are of course necessary, but what happens is that private houses in public streets are often converted into places of worship and objection is taken to processions passing with music. There is the further anomaly, under the Chief Commissioner's notification, that certain old places of worship enjoy the privilege, while the others do not. A general committee consisting of officials and non-officials may be appointed to go into the question and frame rules, which may be published broadcast.

Per contra it was urged that a committee was not at all likely to solve the difficulty and the members of the Committee will surely differ in their points of view. The trouble was not confined to different communities, such as Hindus and Mahomedans, but was prevalent even among the members of the same community. Certain streets formed the bone of contention with regard to processions. All courts had on their files cases relating to such disputes. Discussion of a matter of this kind was not quite proper in this Assembly. The only remedy appeared to be for the Government to take up the question and pass definite orders, conferring the same rights for all communities everywhere.

Reply of Government.—The matter has been referred to in the Address. Government do not contemplate the constitution of any committee.

SUBJECT No. 73.

Prohibition of police constables from being deputed for guarding treasuries.

Mr. B. Narayana Reddi, Bagepalli Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—If it is contemplated to entrust the duties of guarding treasuries to the Police, it is apprehended that there will not be enough men for regular police work. Crime will increase and there will be insecurity of life and property.

Reply of Government.—There need be no such misapprehension. The strength of the police will be increased sufficiently in that case.

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SUBJECT No. 74.

Increase in the number of scholarships for students in the Medical School, Bangalore.

Mr. P. Papanna, Nanjangud Taluk.

Mr. P. Papanna.—The number of scholarships for students in the Bangalore Medical School may be raised to 24.

First Member of Council.—There are already a large number of pupils undergoing training in the Medical School. The number of scholarships for students originally given in the Medical School was 30 and now it has been reduced to 8. The present strength of the school is more than 60 now. It is unnecessary to increase the number of scholarships.

Dewan.—Difficulty is also felt for accommodation. There is no necessity for more scholarships.